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SUBJECT: PUJA VISIT TO VIENNA

1. BEGIN SUMMARY: DURING WHAT AUSTRIANS TERMED ROUTINE THREE-DAY VISIT (FEBRUARY 14-16), HUNGARIAN FOREIGN MINISTER PUJA MET WITH AUSTRIAN PRESIDENT JONAS AND CHANCELLOR KREISKY, DISCUSSED BILATERAL MATTERS AND INTERNATIONAL ISSUES WITH FOREIGN MINISTER KIRCHSCHLAEGER AND TOURED UN CITY PROJECT IN VIENNA. PUJA SAID, IN EFFECT, BILATERAL RELATIONS WERE EXCELLENT BUT, ACCORDING TO AUSTRIANS, SHOWED NO FLEXIBILITY REGARDING CSCE OR MBFR. HUNGARIAN PRIME MINISTER FOCH REPORTEDLY WILL VISIT AUSTRIA THIS SPRING. END SUMMARY

2. IN FIRST VISIT TO NON-COMMUNIST COUNTRY SINCE TAKING UP NEW OFFICE, HUNGARIAN FOREIGN MINISTER VISITED VIENNA, FEBRUARY 14-16, IN KEEPING WITH PRACTICE OF FREQUENT EXCHANGE VISITS AT FOREIGN MINISTER'S LEVEL. PUJA WAS RECEIVED BY AUSTRIAN  
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PRESIDENT JONAS AND CHANCELLOR KREISKY, AND HAD

SEVERAL TALKS WITH FOREIGN MINISTER KIRCHSCHLAEGER ON BILATERAL AND INTERNATIONAL TOPICS OF INTEREST. KIRCHSCHLAEGER ACCEPTED INVITATION TO VISIT HUNGARY SOON WHILE HUNGARIAN PRIME MINISTER FOCH REPORTEDLY PLANS TO VISIT AUSTRIA THIS SPRING.

3. ON BILATERAL MATTERS, BOTH SIDES NOTED WITH SATISFACTION CONTINUOUS FORWARD MOVEMENT IN RELATIONS, ABSENCE OF "ANY DISTURBING FACTORS" BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES, EXPANSION OF BILATERAL ACTIVITIES, PARTICULARLY IN ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL AREAS, AND FREQUENT PERSONAL CONTACTS BETWEEN SENIOR OFFICIALS IN FOREIGN MINISTRIES. AUSTRIANS INDICATED TO US THEY ARE PARTICULARLY HAPPY ABOUT RECENT AGREEMENT TO ALLOW CONSTRUCTION OF AUSTRIAN CULTURAL CENTER IN BUDAPEST, PROJECT WHICH EXPECTED TO BEGIN SHORTLY.

4. AUSTRIANS RAISED WITH PUJA (AS DID REPORTERS AT PRESS CONFERENCE) POSSIBILITY OF BILATERAL AGREEMENTS ON DISCONTINUING VISA REQUIREMENTS AND ON SMALL BORDER TRAFFIC. IN BOTH CASES, PUJA OFFERED ABSENCE OF SUFFICIENT TOURIST FACILITIES, ALREADY OVERTAXED BY CURRENT ANNUAL RATE OF 6.5 MILLION FOREIGN TOURISTS, AS REASON FOR PRESENT INABILITY OF HUNGARIAN GOVERNMENT TO MODIFY ITS POSITIONS ON VISA REQUIREMENT OR SMALL BORDER TRAFFIC. HOWEVER, AS POSSIBLE SMALL ACCOMMODATION, HE STATED GOH CONSIDERING ISSUANCE OF GRATIS VISAS FOR TRIPS FOR ECONOMIC, CULTURAL, AND SCIENTIFIC PURPOSES. AUSTRIANS SAID THEY WERE DISAPPOINTED BY PUJA RESPONSE AND WOULD CONTINUE TO RAISE MATTER ON APPROPRIATE OCCASIONS.

5. ON INTERNATIONAL ISSUES, PUJA EXPRESSED HOPE THAT THIRD PHASE OF CSCE COULD BEGIN THIS SUMMER. HE REPEATED AT PRESS CONFERENCE COMMENT ALSO MADE TO AUSTRIANS THAT WARSAW PACT COUNTRIES COULD NOT ACCEPT WESTERN CONCEPTS ON HUMAN CONTACTS BETWEEN EAST AND WEST WHICH WERE INCOMPATIBLE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WITH SOVIEREIGNTY OF STATES AND REITERATED COMMUNIST PREFERENCE FOR ARRANGEMENTS BASED ON BILATERAL AGREEMENTS. ON MBFR, HE NOTED FACT THAT HUNGARIANS WERE NOT DIRECT PARTICIPANTS IN TALKS AND SPECULATED THAT LENGTHY NEGOTIATIONS COULD BE ANTICIPATED SINCE RESPECTIVE POSITIONS OF TWO GROUPS WERE STILL RATHER FAR APART. AUSTRIAN FONMIN SOURCE WHO ATTENDED TALKS SAID HUNGARIAN INTERLOCUTORS

REPEATED WELL-KNOWN COMMUNIST POSITIONS AND  
SHOWED LITTLE OR NO FLEXIBILITY ON MAJOR ISSUES  
BEFORE CSCE AND MBFR TALKS.

6. AUSTRIAN FONOFF SOURCE CHARACTERIZED VISIT AS  
SUCCESSFUL ONE OF ROUTINE NATURE, ALLOWING AUSTRIANS  
TO TAKE MEASURE OF PUJA, FORMER HUNGARIAN AMBASSADOR  
TO AUSTRIA, IN HIS NEW POSITION AS FOREIGN MINISTER.  
THEY DESCRIBED HIM AS UNCHANGED: FLEXIBLE ON  
NON-ESSENTIALS AND STYLE BUT FIRM ON SUBSTANCE.  
WHILE DISAPPOINTED OVER PUJA'S RATHER NEGATIVE  
COMMENTS ON INTERNATIONAL ISSUES, AUSTRIANS  
NEVERTHELESS REGISTERED SATISFACTION OVER PROSPECT  
OF FURTHER EXPANSION OF BILATERAL RELATIONS, WHICH  
FROM AUSTRIAN STANDPOINT HAVE BECOME ALMOST "SPECIAL  
RELATIONSHIP". HUMES

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